

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Patrice Lointier et al

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For: **MULTIPLE-POUCH INTRAGASTRIC
BALLOON, SURGICAL DEVICE FOR
EXPANDING SAID BALLOON AND
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**

Confirmation No.: 7480

Group Art Unit: 3734

Examiner: Brian J. Graham

Docket No. 80712-1060

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of December 17, 2009 (Paper No. 20091215), Applicants submit the following response.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.